THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF ST EL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) There are nine steel plants in the public sector and their installed capacity for production of saleable steel is as under :

Name of Plant	Capacity (in '000 tonnes)
Bhilai Steel Plant	3153
Durgapur Steel Plant	1586
Rourkela Steel Plant	1671
Bokaro Steel Plant	3780
Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur	184
Salem Steel Plant	175
Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Limited	77
Indian Iron and Steel Company, Burnpur	305
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant	2656

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

New National Policy on Steel

1101. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will die Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govemment have decided to launch a New National Policy on Steel;

(b) if so, the main features of the policy and by when the same is likely to be announced;

(c) whether the said policy would take steps to penetrate untapped market in the country so as to augment die internal demand for steel and steel products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to frame a National Steel Policy to draw a road map for the steel industry in the next ten years, in the wake of globalization and second generation reforms. At this juncture, it is difficult to indicate definite time by which the policy will come into force as the policy is to be finalized in consultation with the major producers, dieir associations, experts in the field of metallurgy Ministry of Commerce and Finance etc. The National Steel Policy would also address issues relating to demand/supply of steel.